MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Utilities Springer, and Deputy City Clerk Cleary.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS:
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. regarding conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code. Property: Surplus Water (up to 1,000 AF). Negotiators: Shad Springer, Director of Utilities with the City of Santa Maria and John McInnes, General Manager of the Goleta Water District. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

INVOCATION:
Pastor Carl Nielsen of Bethel Lutheran Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, Police Chief Martin, Director of Finance Harvey, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works Kahn, Interim Fire Chief Kenley, Director of Recreation & Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Springer, Deputy City Manager Stilwell, and Deputy City Clerk Cleary.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
Following the Closed Session, City Attorney Trujillo announced that there was no reportable action taken.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. 2016 SANTA MARIA VALLEY BEAUTIFUL AWARDS
Santa Maria Valley Beautiful President Bob Engel gave a presentation recognizing the 2016 award recipients for landscaping and gave a PowerPoint presentation of the winning landscapes. Mayor Patino presented the certificates to each award recipient.

B. PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK
Councilmember Orach presented a proclamation in honor of "Constitution Week," September 17-23, 2016. Kristine Mollenkopf accepted the proclamation and spoke about the Daughters of the American Revolution group.

C. PROCLAMATION – ACTIVE AGING WEEK
Councilmember Boysen presented a proclamation in honor of "Active Aging Week," September 25-October 1, 2016. Ryan Miller accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Active Aging Committee.

D. PROCLAMATION – ANGELS FOSTER CARE MONTH
Councilmember Waterfield presented a proclamation in honor of "Angels Foster Care Month," September 2016. Kelly White O'Neill, representing Angels Foster Care, accepted the proclamation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Margarita and Jose Lopez expressed their appreciation for the Santa Maria Police Department's recent efforts in stopping gang violence. They shared information regarding the Christian radio station, La Nueva Radio Vision, 88.9 FM, which offers interactive programming Monday through Friday, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., for families and children in an effort to help foster a desire to achieve and grow. They also encouraged everyone to attend El Encuentro Infantil (children's meeting or festival), an annual festival dedicated to stopping drug abuse, domestic violence, gang problems and dealing with other family issues.

Jodi Hudson requested help with a domestic violence issue.

Patricia Solorio, representing Central Coast Future Leaders, spoke in favor of prohibiting smoking in City parks and summarized the group's efforts picking up cigarette butts in the parks.

Cristina and Nuri Vega spoke about El Encuentro Infantil and its goal of engaging local youth in the community. They also emphasized the importance of working with parents, not children, as the first step in dealing with youth issues.

Edwin Weaver thanked the Council for their votes to keep parks smoke-free and for the extended moratorium on cannabis. He also asked the Council to vote no on Prop 64, the legalization of marijuana in California for adults 21 years or older.

Judy Garrett, Board Member with the Minerva Club, and Virginia Souza, representing the Buena Vista Beautifiers Committee, requested that the historic trees at Buena Vista Park not be removed during the renovation of the park.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Waterfield recused herself from voting on Item 3C (Warrants) due to a conflict of interest.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3J (except Item 3C) were approved, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Consent Calendar Item 3C only was approved, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember Waterfield

A. ORDINANCES

The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of September 6, 2016, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS

Warrant Nos. 202605 to 202855 totaling $1,293,356.83 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance. Warrant Nos. 195056, 195211, 195448, 200502, 201699, and 202148 were cancelled.

D. PAYROLL

Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. BETTERAVIA AND "A" STREET ZONING MAP AMENDMENT
The City Council conducted the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2016-20 amending the official zoning map on approximately 0.5 acres, located at the southwest corner of West Betteravia Road and "A" Street.

Ordinance No. 2016-20 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP ON APPROXIMATELY 0.5 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST BETTERAVIA ROAD AND "A" STREET.

F. RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDENING COLLEGE DRIVE
Resolution No. 2016-122 was adopted approving an agreement with the Santa Maria Cemetery District for the acquisition of right-of-way to widen College Drive from Battles Road to Betteravia Road.

Resolution No. 2016-122 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA MARIA CEMETERY DISTRICT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE WIDENING OF COLLEGE DRIVE FROM BATTLES TO STOWELL ROADS.

G. NO-STOPPING ZONE AT CENTERPOINTE PARKWAY
Resolution No. 2016-124 was adopted establishing a no-stopping zone at Centerpointe Parkway at the northwest corner of the intersection of Lakeside Parkway.

Resolution No. 2016-124 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A NO-STOPPING ZONE ON CENTERPOINTE PARKWAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

H. NO-STOPPING ZONE AT NORTH STOKES AVENUE
Resolution No. 2016-125 was adopted establishing a no-stopping zone on the west side of North Stokes Avenue at East Alvin Avenue.

Resolution No. 2016-125 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A NO-STOPPING ZONE ON NORTH STOKES AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

I. GRANT APPLICATION TO LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
Resolution No. 2016-126 was adopted approving the submittal of a grant application for up to $250,000 to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase additional property in the Santa Maria Riverbed.

Resolution No. 2016-126 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA URBAN RIVERS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014 (PROPOSITION 1).

J. ORDINANCE 2016-21 – SMOKING CONTROL ORDINANCE
The City Council conducted the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2016-21 amending the tobacco control ordinance, Santa Maria Municipal Code Chapter 5-7.

Ordinance No. 2016-21 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE TOBACCO CONTROL ORDINANCE, SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5-7.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. CASA BUENA COURT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AND TENTATIVE MAP AT 905 WEST COOK STREET. The City Council considered a recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a Zoning Map for approximately 1.1 acres from Medium Density Residential (R-2) to Planned Development/Medium Density Residential (PD/R-2) zoning district; and approve a Tentative Map, Tract 6007 for the Casa Buena Court project with lots less than 6,000 sq. ft. as permitted through Municipal Code Section 12-8.07(b) and the conditions of approval.

Community Development Director Appel gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The two items under review were the Zoning Map and Parcel Map for the Casa Buena Court project. The site was zoned for Medium Density Residential. The applicant was requesting changing the zoning to Planned Development/Medium Density Residential to construct four single family homes

on 0.3 acres at the northeast corner of the property at Cook Street and Superior Street. Mr. Appel indicated that approval by Council was required when the lot size was less than 6,000 square feet.

Councilmember Boysen asked if there would be a Homeowners Association with the four homes.

Community Development Director Appel responded that there would be an Association, due to the common lot between them.

Councilmember Zuniga asked if the parking concern of already-established residents in the neighborhood had been resolved.

Community Development Director Appel responded that each unit would have a two-car garage and two extra spaces for guest parking.

Applicant comments
Eric Pennachio, representing Palacios Architects, welcomed questions from the Council.

Councilmember Boysen commented on the fact that there were no downstairs bathrooms in the units, only upstairs, saying he had never seen that before.

Mr. Pennachio responded that the homes were a little smaller and the layout will be better with bathrooms only on the second floor.

Written communications
There were no written communications.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, closed the public hearing.

Council discussion
There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2016-127 was adopted approving a tentative map to subdivide a 0.3 acre parcel into five lots at 905 W. Cook Street, on motion by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2016-127 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A TENTATIVE MAP TO SUBDIVIDE A 0.3 ACRE PARCEL INTO FIVE LOTS AT 905 WEST COOK STREET.

Ordinance No. 2016-22 was introduced for first reading, and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, amending the Official Zoning Map for approximately 1.1 acres at the northeast corner of Cook Street and Superior Street for the Casa Buena Court Project, on motion by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2016-22 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.1 ACRES AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF COOK STREET AND SUPERIOR STREET FOR THE CASA BUENA COURT PROJECT.

5. URGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENSION – MORATORIUM ON CANNABIS. The City Council considered a resolution extending the expiration date of Urgency Ordinance No. 2016-18 imposing a moratorium on the manufacturing, processing, laboratory testing, labeling, storing, and distribution of cannabis.

Assistant City Attorney Mollenkopf gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. On August 16, 2016, the City Council had enacted Urgency Ordinance No. 2016-18, a 45-day ordinance banning all cannabis activities with the exception of deliveries. The required reporting within those 45-days was being provided this evening along with the Council Agenda Report. Staff was recommending extending the ordinance to August 14, 2017, allowing time to see the outcome of the November election and any effects of Proposition 64 should it be passed.

Written communications
There were no written communications.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Council discussion
There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2016-128 was adopted extending Urgency Ordinance No. 2016-18 prohibiting manufacturing, processing, laboratory testing, labeling, storing and wholesale and retail distribution of cannabis, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2016-128 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING, LABORATORY TESTING, LABELING, STORING AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABIS.

6. OUTREACH COORDINATOR POSITION. The City Council considered a recommendation to reconfirm their previous action and continue the authorization of hiring a full-time Outreach Coordinator position to work in collaboration with the County of Santa Barbara as well as other community partners in addressing youth violence issues in the City.

City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. With the recent increase in violence over the last 18 months, there has been a grassroots effort in community meeting forums. The One Community Action Coalition brought together educators, the faith-based community, non-profit groups, and public-sector agencies to discuss obstacles impeding positive reform in youth violence and identify current resources available to help mitigate the problem in the community. Both the City and the County began working on a position to specifically address the situation. City staff proposed a part-time position of an Outreach Coordinator and Fifth District Supervisor Lavagnino secured $75,000 from the County's General Fund toward the effort. The City entered into discussions with Supervisor Lavagnino and, after reassessing the situation, City staff recommended a full-time Outreach Coordinator position be approved at the July 11th City Council meeting. The City Council approved the position, but requested that staff continue collaborating with the County of Santa Barbara to explore the possibility of either a shared employee or shared-funded employee with the County of Santa Barbara.

Further discussion led staff to decide to hire a full-time Outreach Coordinator and the County to decide to also hire a full-time position, similar to the Coordinator of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety through the Community Action Commission (CAC), to represent the North County. As proposed these two positions would staff the proposed policy/advisory committee and head-up a technical committee which would be able to implement a strategic plan addressing the reduction of youth violence in the City.

Over the last two years, the City has had 24 homicides and the Police Department has been able to identify 19 (80 percent) of the assailants. Nationwide, the average rate of solved homicides is approximately 40 percent and gang activity has been curbed with the recent arrests of several members of the MS-13 street gang. City Manager Haydon stated that Ernesto Oliveras, Executive Director of the California Cities Violence Prevention Network, recognized the work of the Police Department and advised that an effective program involved collaboration with other partners. Working collaboratively would also help make a program or partnership eligible for State and Federal funding.

Examples of successful programs throughout the State of California include cities that have a relationship with the California Cities Violence Prevention Network. Santa Rosa has a Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, a 40-member policy team that appoints an operational team. City staff are part of the operational team. The Prevention Task Force establishes policies, strategies, and goals under the umbrella of their mission to *reclaim youth for their families, schools, communities, and future*. They are funded through a ¼ percent sales tax measure that was passed a number of years ago.

San Bernardino's program is called Operation Phoenix and involves 30 partner agencies with the mission of *suppression, intervention and prevention*. This program is also funded with a ¼ cent sales tax.

San Jose has a Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, a 35-member policy team of community leaders and a technical team. San Jose operates under their mission of *safe and healthy youth connected to their families, schools, communities, and their future* and receives $4 million in direct funding from the City's General Fund.

City Manager Haydon noted that the South Coast has several agencies that have come together to combat youth violence. The cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, and the County of Santa Barbara created a task force called the South Coast Youth Safety Task Force. Their mission is to *improve and support the safety and quality of life for youth, their families, and the community*. Funding for this task force is provided by each city contributing to a fund overseen by the Community Action Commission (CAC). The Commission then has its own employee to work as their coordinator.

The salary for the proposed Outreach Coordinator position would be $45,000 to $56,000 annually. The position would provide direct support to the proposed policy/advisory committee and be on an operational committee working in collaboration with the County of Santa Barbara employee. Both employees would be located at the Maldonado Youth Center. The intent of the positions would be to "work the plan but not plan the work."

Councilmember Zuniga asked why one shared position between the County and City was not viable. She also asked if there had been any discussion about the success of the program in the South County and why something similar could not be established in the North County.

City Manager Haydon explained that during discussions with the County, questions arose as to whether the position would be a City employee or County employee. The County would be a civil service system while the City would be a merit-based system. The County and City have different MOU's. The City position would be under SEIU and the benefit levels were also different between the two. From a supervisory and funding perspective, the idea of a shared position became very complicated.

With regard to the South County program, the CAC was the fiscal agent and the position worked for the Board. The idea of having a North County fiscal agent, such as CAC or Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, was discussed. The City and County decided it made more sense to each hire their own full-time position. It was also agreed that having two positions might be beneficial sharing the workload of the coordination of a 35-plus member policy committee.

Councilmember Boysen commented that the actual oversight of the position and work would come from the policy/action committee and that he was unclear as to why having a North County fiscal agent would not work. The City's relationship with C3H was set up in this way and seemed to be working. He expressed concern that going in staff's proposed direction would create just another bureaucracy. He also stated the Council was being asked to approve funding per year with a re-evaluation each year.

City Manager Haydon responded that since the position would be for the City of Santa Maria, the salary for the position would leave the City with a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers to make sure that the City could direct some of the work of the individual filling the position from a performance standpoint. Giving the money to the County of Santa Barbara would relinquish that control. The concept would be that the Outreach Coordinator would be working with the City's Police Lieutenant, the Deputy City Manager, and Recreation and Services Manager. The four of them would provide direct staff support to the Policy Committee.

Councilmember Orach commented that he wanted to remind people that C3H had taken a few years to develop specific deliverables. He expressed concern that the County might not pay attention to the City's needs going forward and he believed Council should approve the proposed position.

Councilmember Waterfield commented that Mr. Oliveras had indicated he was the City employee who took charge of the program in Santa Rosa and that the other cities had a similar position and the programs were working.

City Manager Haydon agreed saying that Mr. Oliveras had been a veteran of the Santa Rosa Police Department with vast experience in youth violence prevention. He became a Councilmember and continued working their youth violence prevention program. Since then, they had formed a non-profit with Mr. Oliveras as the Executive Director. For his agency, having a City employee was instrumental in getting the program established.

Mayor Patino asked when Santa Rosa and San Bernardino had established their ¼ percent sales tax.

City Manager Haydon said it was not a recent action, but had been established quite a while ago. Santa Rosa applied 80 percent of the revenue toward public safety and 20 percent toward the task force and strategic goals the task force implemented.

Public Input

Pati Cantu, speaking as a member of One Community Action Commission, requested the City come up with a strategic plan to combat violence in Santa Maria. She also said she hoped the position would collaborate with the Compadres Program and the Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center, in addition to Fighting Back Santa Maria.

Arnulfo Romero expressed his concern that a $50,000 salary would not bring in a person qualified enough to fill the position. He also said he wished the Council and City staff would make more effort to engage with the community.

Virginia Esparza-Gonzalez, a longtime resident of the City, commented that she was surprised that a decision on who would be in control of the program had not been determined. She said she took her son out of a public high school and enrolled him in private school because of her concern for his safety in the City. She encouraged the Council to fill the position with someone holding a more advanced degree who truly understood social systems.

Pete Flores, representing One Community Action Coalition, encouraged the Council to partner with Supervisor Lavagnino and the County of Santa Barbara and expand the position to hire someone with more experience and a higher degree than what was listed on the job description.

Hector Sanchez commented that, as a Candidate for Council, he had been walking the City and visiting with the elderly and various businesses. He expressed concern that businesses may choose not to set up in Santa Maria if the situation does not improve and that the elderly he met were intimidated by the recent violence. He also stated he did not believe the proposed salary for the position was high enough.

Mary Solorio Jacka, representing LULAC, stated she was insulted by the proposed salary for the Outreach Coordinator position. She suggested taking the funds from the General Fund and requested that agencies receiving money from the Community Development Block Grants come forward in the collaboration. She requested that the Council go into crisis mode and find the money to fill the position.

Council discussion

Councilmember Zuniga reminded everyone that City Councilmembers were elected by the community to represent the community. The community expected the Councilmembers to treat each other with respect and operate with dignity and she requested that each person on the dais be treated equally and given the same time to speak and ask questions.

Councilmember Boysen recalled that, at the time the Coordinator position was approved, the Council was approving a budgeted $48,000 for a position that collaborated with the County. He commented that once benefits are added to the salary, the position will be about a $65,000 to $80,000 position. He said he could not support the proposed position but wanted to continue working with the County of Santa Barbara whether it be through a non-profit or joint powers agency to create a more impactful position.

Councilmember Zuniga commented that the success of the previously mentioned cities cost millions of dollars. She suggested moving past the fear of losing control of the project and looking at what is in the best interest of the community. She also commented that United Way was the fiscal agent for Americorps and several other agencies. She expressed concern that if the position were an employee of the City, that person would not have the authority to get County Department Heads to the table. She said she believed splitting the workload between two separate positions would lead to

communication breakdowns. She also said she believed the success of the program would depend heavily on community involvement and increased collaboration with the County. All five County Supervisors voted in favor of the Outreach Coordinator position and she encouraged the City to continue collaborating with them.

Councilmember Orach commented that he agreed everyone was concerned about decreasing violence in the City. He stated he believed that a coordinator bringing County, non-profit, community members and City staff together would be a good start. Having the County Outreach Coordinator position would enhance the City's Outreach Coordinator position by bringing County Department Heads to the table. He said he felt the position would be a good start.

Councilmember Waterfield commented that she believed a "boots on the ground" Outreach Coordinator would be best. She said that the Mayor would be the lead who would bring County Department Heads to the table. She expressed support for the proposed Outreach Coordinator position.

City Manager Haydon commented that Supervisor Lavagnino had specified that the person leading the South Coast Task Force was a Coordinator that makes approximately the same amount in salary as the proposed City position. A consultant would be hired to guide the policy committee through a strategic plan. The City had engaged the high school district to help with funding for a comprehensive violence prevention strategic plan. The City also approached the elementary school district and a couple of Foundations for additional funding. He stressed that there were two points of view being discussed – a coordinator that would "work the plan" versus a coordinator that would "plan the work", and he said the request to have someone with a Master's Degree would be addressed by those on the policy committee, not necessarily in the coordinator position.

Mayor Patino commented she had always supported funding youth causes. She stated the City was short about $4.4 million in its General Fund, so we could not just pull the money from the General Fund to finance the Outreach Coordinator position. She said she would not be adverse to a ¼ percent sales tax increase specifically for this cause. She said she supported the Coordinator as an employee of Santa Maria and approving the position would be a good start.

Direction to staff
Staff was directed to move forward with the Outreach Position as presented, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 3-2

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino
NOES: Councilmembers Boysen and Zuniga
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Patino also directed staff to continue discussions with the County of Santa Barbara.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Haydon reported the next meeting would be October 4, 2016, and would include a number of proclamations; the second reading of the Casa Buena general plan zone change; a Subdivision Map Agreement for HG Gardens; the Sale of Surplus Water Agreements; a first reading of the Building Code amendments ordinance; and a Block Grant Advisory Committee recommendation to make changes to the funding process with regard to CDBG grants. Mr. Haydon also announced that the previously scheduled Chamber presentation was being moved from October 4th to the October 18th meeting.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Boysen reminded everyone that the Recovery Day in the Park event was scheduled for September 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Buena Vista Park. The event was going to be preceded by a 3:30 p.m. walk from Judge Kuntz chamber at the courthouse to the park. He also announced that the hearing at the Board of Supervisors regarding State water was postponed to the October 4th meeting where the discussions would continue.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting to speak about the proposed addition of soccer fields in the City; a Council Candidate's forum; the Quarterly Schools meeting; and the City's 30th Annual Employee Barbecue.

Councilmember Waterfield reported that she spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show and attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner; the Chamber's Business Expo; the Josh Prenot

Celebration at Downtown Fridays; the Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting; the SATC Commencement Ceremony; the Ovarian Cancer Awareness event; the Downtown Committee meeting; the City's 30th Annual Employee Barbecue committee meeting; and two candidate forums – one put on by the Chamber and one the Mobile Home Park hosted.

Councilmember Zuniga said she wanted to use her reporting time to clear up any miscommunication with the Buena Vista Park tree issue. She pointed out that three of the four historic trees under discussion were actually being saved. The project would also include the planting of 50 new trees.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the North County Subregional Meeting; the League End of Session Signature Webinar; the Law Enforcement Appreciation Night; a One Community Action Coalition meeting; the North County Mayors Lunch; the Life's a Beach Business Expo; Josh Prenot's Celebration at Downtown Fridays; the Taste of Mexico; the 9/11 Commemoration at several fire stations; attended the Manufactured Homeowner's Ice Cream Social; the City Council Candidates Forum with the Chamber; the Quarterly Schools Meeting; the SATC Commencement Ceremony; the SBCAG monthly Board Meeting; the ovarian cancer awareness event; a Mayors and City Manager's meeting in Solvang; the City's employee picnic; Saint Mary's Fiesta and Fiestas Patrias; and spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show.

City Manager Haydon commented that Buena Vista Park has 27 trees, four of which have been identified as historic trees. Plans are to plant 50 additional trees. Three of the four historic trees are going to be saved. Once the park renovations are completed, there will be approximately 65 trees, 38 more than there are today.

Councilmember Boysen requested that the project go forward and be completed soon.

City Manager Haydon indicated Council had previously approved over $700,000 toward the renovation and the work was underway.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

October 4, 2016
Date

M. Beth Cleary
Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST:

M. Beth Cleary
Deputy City Clerk